

Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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■ SANBAG to prepare scope of work for Measure I 2010-2040 Strategic Plan

Which freeway project should be built first? What about new train service to Redlands? How much will everything cost? What's the status of the fair share contribution by developers?

The continuation of Measure I by San Bernardino County voters in November has raised a number of key policy, fiscal and institutional issues for SANBAG. Today, the Board of Directors authorized SANBAG staff to prepare a scope of work for a Measure I Strategic Plan, recognizing that consultant help will be needed to create the plan.



"A Strategic Plan is absolutely critical to managing the remaining years of the current Measure I program and at least the first five years of the Measure I extension," said Executive Director Norm King. "This plan will serve as our road map so that we have a clear vision of the most critical projects for our county and how best to execute these projects."

The scope of work will address a wide range of issues, including:

- How freeways, major streets, interchanges, rail expansion, bus rapid transit and traffic management projects should be prioritized
- Whether credit for local funding and the ability to leverage other funds by a jurisdiction can be used to enhance a project priority
- Consideration of equity among jurisdictions, especially in categories in which the need for projects exceeds the resources available
- The role of development fair share contributions to the funding process of specific projects and the possibility of advancing Measure I funds to cover fair share contributions not yet collected with a provision for repayment
- The definition of the roles of SANBAG, Caltrans, local agencies and private agencies in the development and delivery of each project
- The update of cash flow estimates for all funding sources, the update of project costs and an analysis of whether bonding against future Measure I revenue is a prudent option
- Review of the structure of SANBAG's policy committees

SANBAG staff will begin some of the data gathering required for this plan and develop a complete scope of work for outside consultant assistance during the next fiscal year, with the possibility of extending into the 2006-07 year. Costs for the Strategic Plan will depend upon the scope and the division of work between SANBAG staff and consultants.

■ Board awards new Route 71 landscaping contract

Landscaping of Route 71 in Chino and Chino Hills is once again on the front burner, with the award of a \$690,140 contract to Belaire-West Landscape, Inc.

The previous contractor hired to install irrigation and electrical systems did not complete the work, thereby requiring SANBAG to advertise for a new landscaper.

Bids received from four firms were opened February 23, and Belaire-West, based in Buena Park, was the lowest responsible bidder.

The contract will cover planting along the 8.5-mile freeway section, repair of previously installed sprinkler systems and erosion control. Work will begin this spring and continue through the 2006-07 fiscal year.



Down the road ...

- March 9: Administrative Committee, 9 a.m.; Commuter Rail Committee, 12 noon
- March 11: "Save Prop 42" Press Conference, 8 a.m., Long Beach
- March 10: Major Projects Committee, 9 a.m.
- March 16: Plans & Programs Committee, 12 noon; Interstate 215 Open House, 5-7 p.m., Santa Fe Depot Lobby, First Floor
- March 18: Mountain-Desert Committee, 9 a.m.
- March 22: Health Access Transit Conference, 9 a.m., Ontario

SANBAG kicks off next phase of Route 210 construction

Work now underway in San Bernardino, Rialto

Equipment is rolling in Rialto and San Bernardino for the next phase of construction of the Foothill Freeway, also known as State Route 210. Board members received an update about work completed during the first 18-month phase in Rialto, as well as an overview of construction activity planned for the remaining three years.

This month's issue of *Measuring Success* summarizes the State Route 210 project, which is SANBAG's largest Measure I undertaking.

Project summary

The new State Route 210 extends 28 miles from La Verne to San Bernardino. The first 20 miles of the freeway -- between La Verne and Fontana -- were completed and opened to drivers in November 2002. Work started on the last eight miles of the project in July 2003 in Rialto.

The freeway includes eight lanes: three lanes plus a carpool lane both east and west. Route 210 is designed to improve mobility for residents of communities along the foothills and to relieve congestion from Interstate 10 and other east-west routes in the area. Funding for the \$1.1 billion project is provided in part by Measure I, the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in San Bernardino County. Work is estimated to be complete by the end of 2007, but this date is contingent upon good weather and no unforeseen delays.

Work completed, July 2003 -- December 2004

Since construction on the last eight miles of the project started in mid-2003, crews have completed the following in Rialto:

- Bridges at Alder Avenue, Locust Avenue, Linden Avenue, Ayala Drive and Riverside Avenue
- The Cactus Channel storm drain system, which will accommodate water runoff and improve drainage on local city streets
- Nine sound walls to provide a noise buffer for nearby homes
- Lane paving between Sierra Avenue in Fontana and Linden Avenue
- Street improvements and the relocation of utilities



Excavation within the Route 210 freeway corridor will be a common sight during the next few years. Here, crews excavate under the completed bridge at Riverside Avenue in Rialto.

New construction activity

SANBAG awarded two contracts totaling \$146 million for the remaining phase of work on Route 210, which will cover construction activity in Rialto and San Bernardino. The contractors, Atkinson Construction and Atkinson/MCM Joint Venture, have started this work. Key elements are:

- The detour of vehicles from Highland Avenue west of Riverside Avenue in Rialto
- Excavation of dirt from west to east
- Placement of sound walls along the freeway through San Bernardino
- Construction of bridges at Cactus Avenue, Highland Avenue (in Rialto), Lytle Creek, Pepper Avenue, State Street, California Street, Highland Avenue (in San Bernardino) and 27th Street, as well as a pedestrian bridge at Lilac Avenue
- Realignment of Highland Avenue east of Riverside Avenue and improvements to local streets along the freeway corridor
- Construction of a major storm drain system at State Street
- Realignment and construction of the connection between the existing Route 30, Interstate 215 and the new Route 210
- Lane paving using three layers of concrete, building on-ramps and off-ramps, lane striping and finish work to prepare the freeway for opening

Public information

SANBAG has a complete public information program to educate residents, businesses and emergency responders about construction activity. The program uses printed materials, Open Houses, speaking engagements, media outreach, safety assemblies for schools and business support to provide details about how construction will affect the community.

For more information, call the Route 210 helpline, 1-866-HELP-210 or visit www.sanbag.ca.gov.

